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Illustrated,  
**DESCRIPTIVE  
CATALOGUE**  
— OF TESTED —

**GARDEN SEEDS.**

— GROWN, AND FOR SALE BY —



**A. T. COOK.**

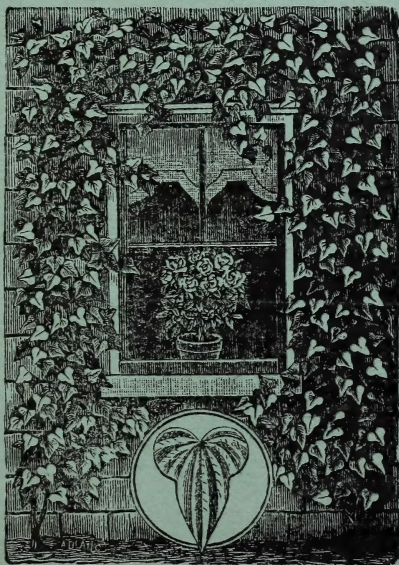


SEED-GROWER,

**Clinton Hollow,**

DUTCHESS COUNTY,

NEW YORK.



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"Sowing in the sunshine,  
Sowing in the shadows;  
Fearing neither clouds, nor  
Winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest,  
And the labor ended,  
We shall come rejoicing,  
Bringing in the sheaves."





# ANNUAL GREETING.

"May seed-time leave your doubts no room.  
The summer find your fields a-bloom.  
The harvest, as 'tis gathered in,  
Crowd every barn, and every bin."

**KIND FRIENDS:**—In sending you my SEED CATALOGUE for 1889, I take this opportunity of thanking you for the liberal patronage bestowed on me, and for the many kind letters and testimonials, in regard to the good quality of my seeds. I am happy to say I do not know that I have a single dissatisfied customer; but should there be any such, if they will write to me, I will do my best to render satisfaction. I do not boast of having the largest seed house in the country, or of issuing the most magnificent Catalogue, filled with illustrated beauty, and bewitching rhetoric, (which all understand the customer really has to pay for in high-priced seeds.) But rather, I am glad to say that what I do, I mean to do well, and by personally growing most of the seeds, carefully testing them, and putting them up myself, I KNOW WHAT I AM SELLING. and am able to supply good-sized packets at a reasonable price.

My business the past season has been greatly in excess of any previous year; and I find people fully understand the great advantage of buying tested seeds direct from the grower. I have the largest and best selected stock of seeds I have ever offered. To strangers, I would say—

## YOU WILL NOT FIND IN MY CATALOGUE

"store seed" venerable with years, and greater travellers than Stanley; seed saved from the odds and ends of various crops; seed saved from unsalable melons, and onions; headless cabbages, sprangling carrots; refuse corn, beets, and vegetables of all sorts. But if you want Northern seed, honestly raised, home grown, carefully tested: seed warranted to give satisfaction [or order refilled gratis], then I should be pleased to count you among my customers for 1889.

**My seeds** are raised for My Customers.

**Terms,** strictly CASH with the order.

**I send** no seeds on credit, or commission.

**Postage**-stamps taken same as cash.

[Canada Stamps or Bills taken.]

**Money** Order office, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**I put** in extra packets with every order.

**All Seeds,** potato eyes, etc. carefully packed and sent by mail prepaid, at prices given.

**I guarantee** entire satisfaction in every thing I offer, in so far that, should any prove otherwise, I will refill the order gratis.

## HOW TO SEND MONEY.

Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best,—when \$1.00 or more is enclosed, to send by one of the following methods, (which may be done at my risk,) Registered Letter; Post-Office Order (payable at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) Bank Draft, or by Express-order. ☞ I always put in more than enough extra packets to pay this expense.

I GUARANTEE that all seeds sent out by me, shall reach their destination in good condition, and will replace any that may be lost or injured on the way:—thus I warrant everything but the crop, and make the purchase of seed the safest investment possible.

**ORDER EARLY.** Please send your orders early as possible, before the rush, while my stock is complete: I will have more time to put in extra packets, and you will have the seeds on hand just when you want them. Should you receive more than one of my Catalogues, or Circulars, please hand to some friend.

**"THE VILLAGE GARDEN and POULTRY BREEDER:"** an Illustrated Monthly Home Journal, published at Tiffin, Ohio, and devoted to

FRUIT, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, AND POULTRY RAISING.

Its chief aim is to promote a wider love for useful gardening; and the successful management of poultry. It is of high tone, very neatly printed, and is furnished for only 25 cents a year, with a useful premium worth more than the subscription price. I hope all my customers will include this sparkling magazine with their orders, and will guarantee that everyone will be overflowing with satisfaction. Remember only 25 cts. per year with premium. Address all orders to—

A. T. COOK. CLINTON HOLLOW, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."



## Specialties, Novelties, and Improved Varieties.

The following list of Specialties, new, and improved varieties of Vegetable seeds, etc. have been grown, and fully tested by me, and found to be worthy of all the praise I have given them; and my customers will find them all of great value and merit.

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Permit me again to call your attention to this beautiful climber, which also possesses the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the delightful odor of the cinnamon, and very appropriately called the "Cinnamon Vine." Perfectly hardy, the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again so rapidly in the spring as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. It is as easily cultivated as the Madeira Vine, has no insect enemies, and is not affected by drouth. It is propagated from roots or tubers which will make from ten to twenty feet of vine, and with its beautiful heart-shaped leaves, bright green peculiar foliage, and clusters of delicate white flowers, sending forth a delicious cinnamon odor, render it by far the most desirable climber in cultivation. Planted near a door or window, and the vine trained over and about it makes an ornament worthy the admiration of all.

The tubers are frequently over two feet long at two or three years of age, and run straight down in good deep soil—flesh whiter than superfine flour, and equally as good for table use as the best potatoes.

J. P. RUNG, Tyrone, Pa., says:—The vine has grown about eighteen feet, and was very full of bloom, with a delicious odor, scenting the air for a long distance. The foliage is very much admired.

JAS. E. BADGER, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., says:—The Cinnamon Vine is a success. From one stem a dozen branches have started, ranging from twelve to twenty feet each, and blooming profusely; very fragrant. We are more than satisfied.

Miss EMMA A. FIELD, of Elvria, O., writes:—It is a beautiful vine of rapid growth, beautiful foliage, and a perfume that is perfect.

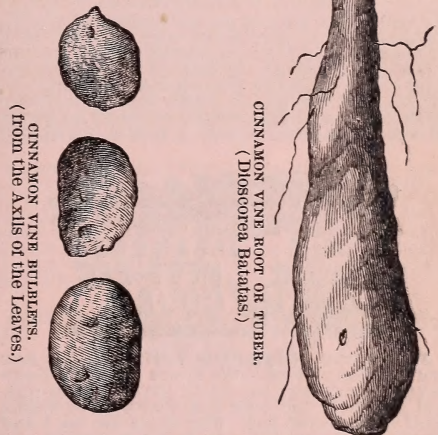
Mrs. A. MUNDT, of Fairbury, Ill., says:—The vine is very pretty, and pleasing with its bright green and peculiar foliage. I transplanted the roots from a smaller to a larger pot, and was surprised to find the three roots, which were about the size of a lead pencil and half as long, had increased to six roots from one to one and a half inches in diameter, and about eight inches long. Three of these roots, with each one shoot (I trimmed all the rest off), completely fill one of my window-boxes, eight feet long and three feet wide. I intend to try some of them out doors next year.

### PRICES OF THE CINNAMON VINE.

I will send two large roots or tubers by mail postpaid for 50 cents; five roots for \$1.00; or twelve roots for \$2.00. (no order filled for less than 50c.) I pack them in strong boxes, using moss and wax paper, and guarantee them to reach their destination in good condition.

### AGENTS WANTED.

I want one good agent in each town to sell this beautiful vine. Any person can secure a great many orders in a short time. Write for further particulars.



### POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.

This wonderful and extraordinary new variety, first introduced by me last season, surpasses anything ever before seen among beans; I do not claim to much when I say they are fully TWICE AS PRODUCTIVE as any other variety in existence. They are a sight worth seeing; almost a solid mass of pods from the bottom to top of the pole. I only regret I have no illustration that will give any idea of their productiveness. The handsome green pods are late in ripening, average 8 or 9 beans to the pod, grow very uniform, about 6 inches long; perfectly stringless, very thick meated, tender, rich and buttery; possess an exquisite flavor when cooked, and retain their superb qualities until nearly ripe.

My supply of seed of this bean is so limited, and the demand for it so great, that I can only offer it in packets. I make the price so low that all can give it a trial.

Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.

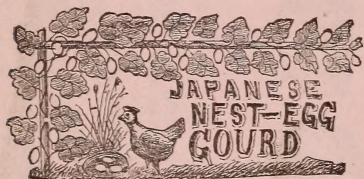
AMY THOMPSON, Pine Grove, Ohio, Oct. 23d. 1887, writes:—I raised 1800 Powell's Prolific beans on ONE VINE; which was the greatest yield I ever saw.

Mrs. C. E. LISSFORD, Kinards, S. C. Nov. 5. 1887, writes:—I actually can't tell by count, how many beans grew on one stalk of the POWELL'S PROLIFIC, but from five vines we ate beans all the summer, and then gathered over one-half gallon of seed. They were the admiration of the neighborhood; I have picked a full mess of beans for dinner, without changing position at the vine. Our summer was dry,—but the vines continued green and bearing; while all other kinds of beans dried up, they are the best bean I ever saw grow, and I cannot command words to express the true value of such a garden treasure.



**EARLY WINNINGSTADT.**

A well known and very popular variety, heads large, decidedly conical, remarkably solid and hard, even in summer. This is a sure header, a good shipper, and suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort, valuable for both summer or winter use. Market gardeners and all others desiring a choice strain of this desirable cabbage should try my selected seed. Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 20 c.  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 50 c. 1 lb. \$1.75.



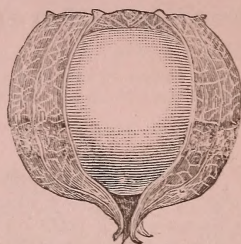
**JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.**—This new and beautiful variety, varies in size from a pigeon's egg up to a goose egg, but mostly the size of hens eggs, and so exactly the color and shape, as to almost deceive the naked eye. The shells are hard and durable, and make the very best nest-eggs as they neither freeze or crack. The largest ones, (when sawed into), make excellent pots for starting tomato, strawberry, and other plants. The Nest-Egg Gourd, is a rapid and desirable climber: quickly covering old sheds or any unsightly object with a mass of green foliage, thickly dotted with beautiful white eggs. Boys you can make money growing this gourd, and selling them to your neighbors, for nest-eggs.

Packet, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. oz. 50 cts.



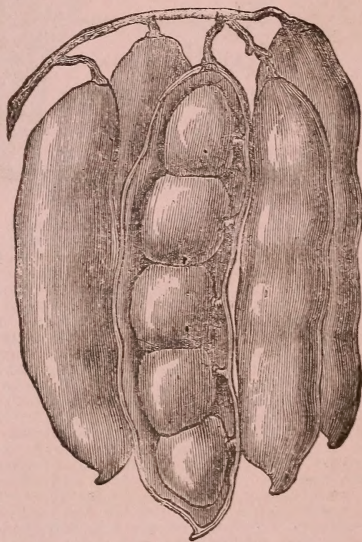
**BEANS:** New Golden Prize.—Early, and very productive: pods long, brittle, and ENTIRELY STRINGLESS: of a rich golden wax color. Excellent both as a snap bean and a shell bean for winter use. The plants grow very uniform: are exceedingly hardy, and I have never known them to blight, or rust in the least. I consider them decidedly the best dwarf bean. I ever raised. Pkt. 5 c. Pint 25 c. qt. 45 cts.

S. C. GIFFORD, Brooklyn, N. Y. writes:—Seeds all came in good time and splendid condition. Accept thanks. I was greatly surprised and pleased at the quantity and quality of the same. Your generosity and promptness, exceed any I have ever dealt with, and I shall freely use my influence among my friends in your behalf.



**STRAWBERRY TOMATO.**—I am headquarters for the genuine Strawberry Tomato, (Winter, or Ground Cherry,) seed. This distinct husk tomato, is unequalled for canning, preserving, and pies. Dried in sugar, as Raisins, or Figs,—or to use in fruit cake, they are unexcelled. They are a handsome golden color—the size of large cherries, enormously productive, and will keep till mid-winter, or longer. They have a strawberry flavor, and many esteem them fully equal to that fruit to eat out of hand. This tomato is indispensable where fruit is scarce or likely to fail. Extra selected seed, Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

**PURPLE HUSK-TOMATO.**—This new, and beautiful variety produces fruit in great abundance, from one to two inches in diameter, enveloped with a husk. In sections devoid of fruit, many esteem them highly; a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



**COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.**—Best Lima Bean grown, either for home use or market, very productive, 10 days to two weeks earlier than Dreer's Improved. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

**VARIEGATED POP CORN.** This new variety first introduced by me, is the HANDSOMEST of all Pop Corns, and every one of my customers should plant it. Ears beautifully variegated, red, white, and blue colors blended. It surpasses all others in yield, earliness, and above all in its mammoth size, and extreme tenderness when popped. A splendid kind to grow for market; sells at fancy prices everywhere. I have grown for this seasons trade a very large crop so that I think I can safely promise to fill all orders.

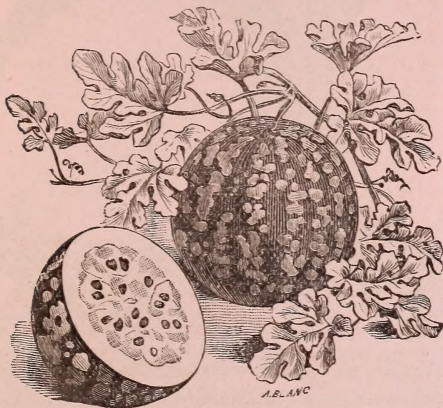
Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.

**GARDEN DOCK.**—This rare, distinct, and valuable variety, grows to a gigantic size; (I have measured leaves, 4 feet 7 inches long, by 10 inches wide.) It is rich and tender, and exceedingly fine flavored. This is by far the earliest of all greens, being ready for the table fully two weeks before asparagus; and considered by many much superior to that popular vegetable. A bed once started, will last for years. Every one should grow it. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



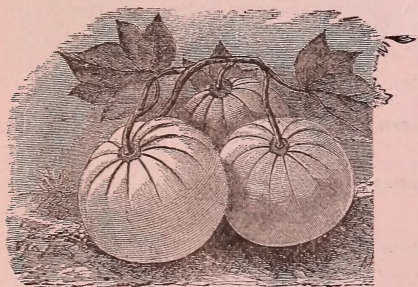
**POP CORN.**—Cook's Improved Egyptian. I have been improving this corn, for many years, and now offer a strain of seed that cannot be surpassed. It pops splendid, bursting out very large, white as snow; tender, and delicious. Every one who keeps poultry, should raise a supply for feeding chickens, nothing can be better. Boys and Girls, as well as older ones, can get a nice income growing this corn to sell; it sells readily at from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per bushel of ears. I send out only **EXTRA SELECTED** seed.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. quart. 60 cents.



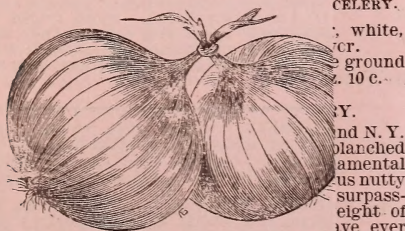
COLORADO PRESERVING MELON.

This is quite distinct from the ordinary preserving citron, the seeds being of a light green color. It is immensely productive; one vine produced 25 fine melons, weighing from 10 to 30 pounds each. The flesh is very firm and solid, with few seeds, and makes beautiful, clear, transparent preserves of surpassingly fine flavor. Pkt 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.



PERFECT GEM SQUASH.

The Gem squashes are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter, of a light straw color, slightly ribbed, and thin smooth skin: very productive—24 s having been grown on a single vine. It is an e keeper. The flesh is unusually sweet, dry and grained when cooked, and I consider them t squ s in cultivation. Pkt. 5 cts.



YELLOW DANVERS ONION.

CELERY.

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**ROSY GEM RADISH.** This new Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation: their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top: equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everybody. Pkt. 10 cts. ounce 20 cts.

**SWEET CORN.**—Cook's Extra Early. The VERY BEST. **STON'S BEAUTY TOM.**

This new variety is one of the very best yet introduced. Its beauty, size, shape, color, flavor, durability, productiveness and earliness, make it desirable to all classes of Tomato growers. The above illustration [which is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  natural size,] is a fair representation of this magnificent tomato. Pkt. 10 c.

**IMPROVED CUSHAW SQUASH.**—This is the genuine Cushaw of "ye olden time," and is a great favorite on account of its many good qualities. The flesh is a rich yellow color, solid, fine grained, very sweet and excellent for pies, and equally good for baking. Pkt 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

**WHITE PLUME, CELERY.**

This is one of the best of the so called Self Blanching varieties, as it needs but little banking up. Its eating qualities are equal to the best of the older sorts, being crisp, solid, and of a pleasing nutty flavor, while its white feather-like foliage places it ahead of all others as a table ornament. Pkt. 10 cts. oz. 25 cts.

Mrs. GILMAN STEARNS, Machias, Maine, Feb. 5th. 1887, writes:—I received the collection of seeds for 1885, and planted them, the result was far better than I expected; I never sowed any seeds before that I thought more came up than I planted. My Celery surpassed any that I ever saw before: it was very crisp, and of exquisite flavor; I never saw any thing like it when I lived in the City.—I neglected to send to you for seeds in 1886, and bought of different seedsmen here: I had three papers of Celery seed, and all failed, and other seeds were the same; (and my neighbors had the same trials that I had.) Now for 1887 I will try your seeds again, for every seed of yours came in.



## GENERAL LIST OF

**Vegetable, and Flower Seeds.**

I have taken much pains to give a select list of only the best varieties, rather than a bewildering long one. I hope every one who has not planted my seeds, will give me at least a trial order. [And then you will receive my Catalogue next year without writing for it.]

**LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.**—As an inducement for the formation of clubs, or to market gardeners and those who order larger quantities than usual for their own use, I make the following **LIBERAL DISCOUNTS ON SEEDS IN PACKETS,**

Persons sending	\$ .50	may select seeds in packets ONLY, amounting to	\$ .65
"	1.00	"	1.50
"	2.00	"	3.00
"	3.00	"	4.75
"	4.00	"	6.75
"	5.00	"	8.75
"	10.00	"	20.00

☞ The above liberal rates are only on seeds IN PACKETS; and not on ounces, pints, etc.  
**ALL SEEDS SENT BY MAIL POSTPAID ON RECEIPT OF PRICE.**

<b>ASPARAGUS.</b>		<b>SWEET CORN.</b>		<b>WATER-MELON.</b>	
Conover's Colossal.	pkt. 5 cts.	Cook's Extra Early,	5	Mammoth Ironclad,	5
<b>BEANS [Dwarf].</b>		Improved Evergreen,	5	Cuban Queen,	5
New Golden Prize,	5	Mammoth Sugar,	5	Peerless,	5
Crystal White Wax,	5	Gold Coin, new, pkt only, 20	20	Stokes' Extra Early,	10
New Prolific Tree.	5	<b>POP CORN.</b>		Christmas,	10
<b>BEANS [Pole].</b>		Cook's Improved Egyptian	10	Hungarian Honey,	10
Cook's Improved Lima,	10	Variegated.	15	Seminole,	10
Golden Butter,	5	<b>CUCUMBER.</b>		<b>COLORADO PRESERVING</b>	
Powell's Prolific. pkt. only	15	Early Green Cluster,	5	Melon, or Citron.	10
New Golden Andalusia-		Early Russian,	5	<b>ONION.</b>	
Wax. (packet only,)	15	Improved White Spine,	5	Large Red Wethersfield,	5
<b>BEET.</b>		Long Green,	5	Yellow Danvers,	5
Early Eclipse,	5	Nichol's Medium Green,	10	White Globe,	5
Early Egyptian,	5	<b>CRESS.</b>		Giant Red Rocca.	5
Long Smooth Blood,	5	Curled, or Pepper-grass.	5	Mammoth Silver King.	10
above varieties mixed.	5	<b>DOCK.</b>		<b>PARSNIP.</b>	
<b>CABBAGE.</b>		Broad Leaf, (best greens).	10	Large Sugar, or Hollow-	
Early Jersey Wakefield,	5	<b>EGG-PLANT.</b>		Crown,	5
Early Winningstadt,	5	Improved N. Y. Purple,	10	<b>PEAS.</b>	
Fotler's Imp'd Brunswick,	5	<b>KOHL RABI.</b>		American Wonder,	5
Premium Flat Dutch,	5	Early White Vienna,	5	Ever-bearing,	5
Late American Drumhead,	5	<b>LETTUCE.</b>		Telephone,	5
above varieties mixed.	5	Sugar-Loaf,	5	Dwarf Sugar, (Edible pods)	5
<b>CARROT.</b>		Early Prize Head,	5	<b>PARSLEY.</b>	
New Ox Heart,	5	Buttercup, new,	10	Extra Fine Curled,	5
Early Short Horn,	5	<b>MUSTARD.</b> White French.		<b>PEPPER.</b>	
Improved Long Orange,	5	Golden Netted Gem,	5	New Golden Dawn,	5
<b>CAULIFLOWER.</b>		New Surprise,	5	Ruby King,	10
Early Snowball,	20	Green Nutmeg,	5	Red Cayenne.	5
Early Padilla,	20	Acme, or Baltimore,	10	<b>PUMPKIN.</b>	
<b>CELERY.</b>		Princess, (new),	10	Large Cheese,	5
Crawford's Half-Dwarf,	5	New Banana,	10	Tennessee Sweet Potato,	10
Boston Market,	5			King of the Mammoths,	10
White Plume, self-blanch'g.	10				
<b>CHICORY.</b> Large Rooted.					



**RADISH.**

Early Scarlet Turnip,	5
French Breakfast,	5
Long Scarlet Short Top,	5
New Chartist's,	10
New Rosy Gem,	10
Chinese Rose Winter,	5
Cal. mammoth White Win.	5

<b>RHUBARB.</b> Linnaeus,	5
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<b>SALSIFY,</b> (Vegetable Oyster.)	5
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<b>SPINACH.</b> Round Leaved,	5
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**SQUASH.**

Perfect Gem,	5
Cocoanut,	5
Summer Crookneck,	5
Hubbard,	5
White Pineapple [new],	10
Improved Cushaw,	10

**TOMATO.**

Livingston's Perfection,	5
Beauty,	10
Golden Queen,	10
Dwarf Champion,	10
New Peach,	15
Small Varieties Mixed.	10

**STRAWBERRY TOMATO**

or Ground Cherry,	10
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<b>PURPLE HUSK TOMATO,</b>	10
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**TURNIP.**

Jersey Lily, new,	5
Yellow Aberdeen,	5

**RUTA-BAGAS.**

Imp'd. Purple-Top Yellow.	5
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<b>TOMATO EGG-PLANT.</b>	20
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<b>VEGETABLE PEACH.</b>	15
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**MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.**

BROOM CORN, Evergreen, pkt.	10
Brazilian FLOUR CORN, new,	10
KAFFIR CORN, [valuable]	10
JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT,	10
WEST INDIA GHERKIN,	5
SPANISH PEANUTS, [early]	10
CHUFAS or Earth Almonds,	10
SOJA BEAN, or Japan Pea,	5
POTATO SEED, (very choice.)	10
ANIMATED OATS, [a curiosity]	5
GOURD. Sugar Trough,	10
" Dipper, very useful,	10
" Japanese Nest-Egg,	10
SUNFLOWER, Mam'th Russian,	5

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**HERBS.**

Anise,	5	Caraway,	5
Lavender,	5	Florehound,	5
Sweet Basil,	5	Sage,	5

**Flower Seeds.**

Aster, Finest double mixed,	10
Amaranthus, mixed,	5
Agrostemma Coronaria,	5
Balsam, Finest double mixed	5
Balloon Vine, (Love in a Puff),	5
Calendula. Officinalis. Meteor.	5
Candytuft. Fragrant,	5
China Pink. Finest double mx'd.	5
Cockscomb, best mixed,	5
Cypress Vine. fine mixed,	5
Dahlia. Extra Large double mx'd.	10
Helichrysum. [Everlasting],	10
Hollyhock. Finest double mx'd.	10
Moon Flower. (true) white,	15
Fansy. Best mixed, all colors,	10
Petunia. Fine mixed,	10
Phlox. Choicest mixed colors,	10
Poppy. Carnation double mx'd.	5
Portulaca. Double Rose, mixed,	10
Sensitive Plant,	5
Sweet William. Choicest colors,	5
Verbena. Best varieties mixed.	10
Zinnia. Double, mixed colors.	5
Mixed Flower Seeds, over 200	
choice varieties in one large	
package. I am putting up a	
greater assortment than ever	
before, which adds much to	
the'r attractiveness.	15

**Beans, Peas, and Sweet Corn, by the Quart, Seeds by the Ounce &c.**

ALL DWARF BEANS; PEAS, AND CORN, PINT 25 cts. QUART 45 cts., POSTPAID.

Asparagus; Beet; Carrot; Cucumber; Parsnip; Radish; [except Rosy Gem.] Spinach; Turnip; Ruta-baga; Musk-Melon, (except Princess); Water-Melon, (except Christmas, Stokes', Honey, and Seminole); and Squash; ..... Ounce 10 cts. 4 ounces 30 cts.

Cabbage; Celery, (except White Plume); Lettuce; Red and Yellow Onion; Tomato; Rosy Gem Radish; Christmas, Stokes', Honey, and Seminole Water-Melon; and Princess Musk-Melon; ..... Ounce 20 cts. 4 ozs. 60 cts.

White Globe; Silver King Onion; and White Plume Celery. Ounce 35 cts. 4 ounces \$1.00.

Prices for larger quantities, given on application.

**NEW PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.** A new and valuable variety for field culture, the most profitable bean known; growing about twenty inches in height, branching out in all directions, bearing its pods so high that they do not touch the ground, enabling it to stand a wet spell without injury. They have yielded over one hundred bushels to the acre; and a single plant has produced the enormous number of 399 full sized pods. Plant in rows 2½ feet



PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.

apart and 15 inches apart in the row, one bean in the hill. Do not crowd them. 4 quarts will plant one acre. Time of maturity 90 days. They resemble the common Navy Bean, more rounded at the ends and very white, cooking in less time, of finer flavor.

Pkt. 10 cents, 3 for 25 cts., quart 50 cts.

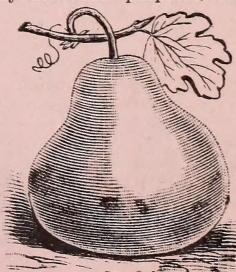
**SUGAR TROUGH GOURD.** These Gourds are very useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the Winter's lard. They grow to hold from 4 to 10 gallons each, have thick hard shells, very light, but durable, having been kept in use as long as 10 years.

Pkt. 10c., 3 for 25 cts.

**GOLDEN QUEEN TOMATO.**

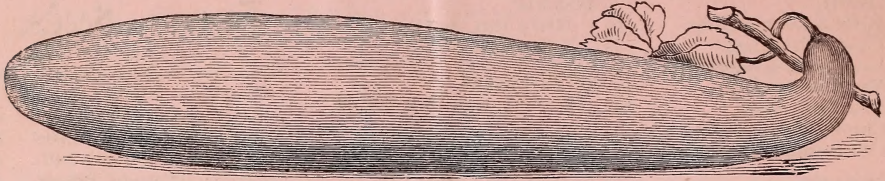
A real good yellow sort of first class quality. It is solid, very smooth, free from ridges, large in size, ripens up early, and is by far the most beautiful yellow variety ever sent out. None is better for preserving or slicing; the handsome, golden yellow slices make a beautiful contrast in a dish with red tomatoes. It has very little acid.

SUGAR TROUGH GOURD.



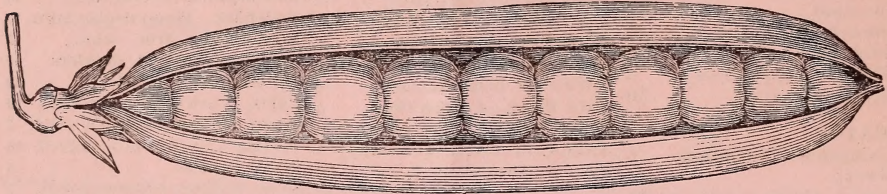
Pkt. 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.,





NEW BANANA MUSK-MELON.

This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of forty cents each for his entire crop, as they were eagerly sought after in the Philadelphia markets, on account of their great oddity of shape and appearance. They grow from 20 inches to 2 feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



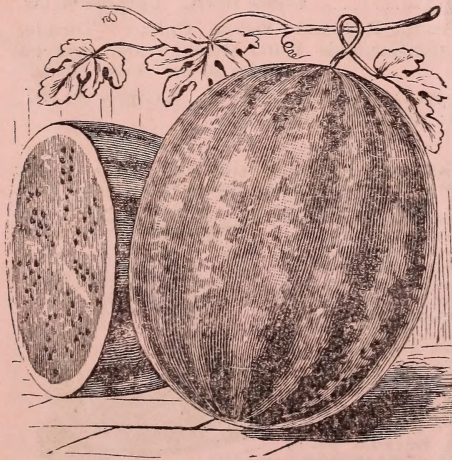
TELEPHONE PEA.

This new variety is immensely productive, of the finest quality and excellent sugary flavor: vines very strong: pods are of large size, and closely packed with large delicious peas. Pkt. 5c. pint. 25c. qt. 45 cts.



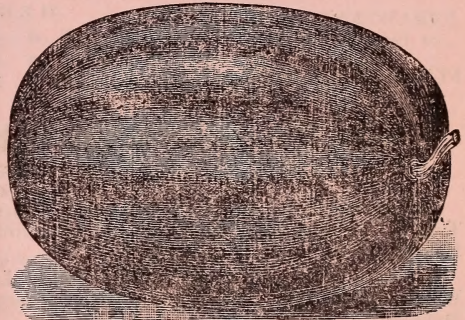
MAMMOTH SUGAR CORN.

This Sweet Corn is not only the largest eared; but one of the sweetest known: ears weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each: it remains in season a long time. Your garden will be incomplete without this splendid late variety. Pkt. 5 c. pint 25 c. quart 40 cts.

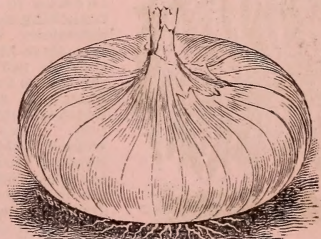


STOKES' EXTRA EARLY WATER-MELON.

This new melon is, without doubt, the earliest of all. My illustration, made from a photograph, shows their shape, which is nearly round, dark green skin, slightly mottled with white. The flesh is deep scarlet, and its delicious sugary flavor is unsurpassed by any other melon. Their average weight is about 15 pounds. I recommend my customers, one and all, to try this grand little melon, as it is certainly a valuable acquisition. Pkt. 10 cts. oz. 20 cts.



**CHRISTMAS WATERMELON.** A most valuable, new and distinct variety. They have been kept in a cool cellar for over four months, and cut fresh and delicious. Their valuable keeping and shipping qualities are due to a peculiar, hard tenacious coating or enamelling of the skin, which also gives them an exceedingly handsome and fresh appearance. The flesh is rich scarlet, very solid, and of delicious sugary flavor. Packet 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.



MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

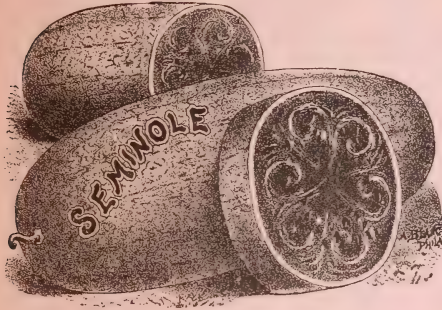
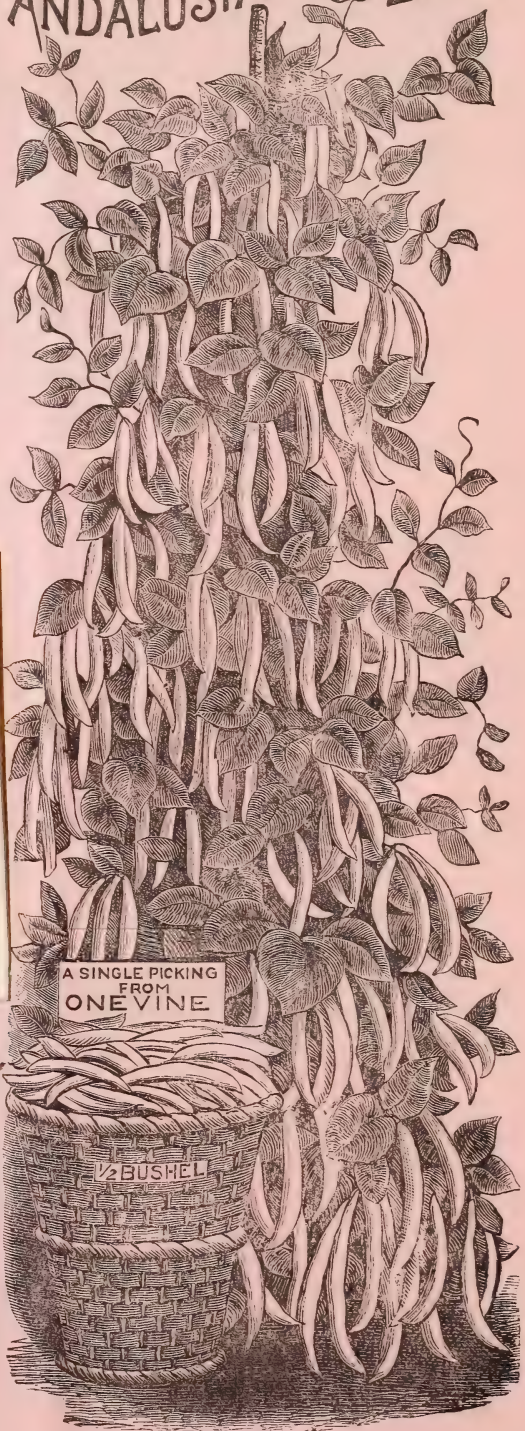
This new variety grows to a most remarkable size,—often from 15 to 20 inches in circumference, and weighing from 2 to 4 pounds. The flesh is snow white and of a particularly mild and pleasant flavor. The Silver King matures early, and is uniformly of large size, and perfect form: it cannot be too highly recommended, either for family use; for market; or for exhibition at fairs. Pkt. 10 c. oz. 25 cts.



### ANDALUSIA WAX BEAN.

In introducing this new bean, I believe I have the most valuable wax pole bean ever offered. The illustration, made from nature, gives some idea of their wonderful productiveness, it being nothing unusual to pick over one-half bushel from a single vine at one picking. The pods are broad, thick, very fleshy, entirely stringless, and retain these important qualities until almost ripe. The beans when dry, are round as a bullet, pure white in color, and also make a fine shell or winter bean. pkt. 15c.; 4 for 50c.

## NEW GOLDEN ANDALUSIA BEAN



### SEMINOLE WATERMELON.

This new melon originated in Florida, the land of melons. It is extra early, extra large, enormously productive, and of most delicious flavor. All lovers of fine melons should give the New Seminole a trial. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.



### GOLD COIN SUGAR CORN.

A most distinct and valuable new sort offered this season for the first time. For the past three years the NEW GOLD COIN has been compared in all points with Stowell's Evergreen, and in sweetness and delicacy of flavor, it surpasses that old favorite. So far, it has proven ten days earlier, and in size, one-third larger. The cob is snowy white, compactly covered with large, deep grains. It is EVERGREEN to an unprecedented degree. It frequently yields three mammoth ears to a stalk. Pkt. 20 cts., 3 for 50 cts.

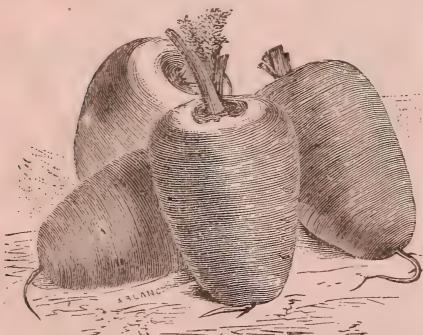




NEW CHARTIERS RADISH.

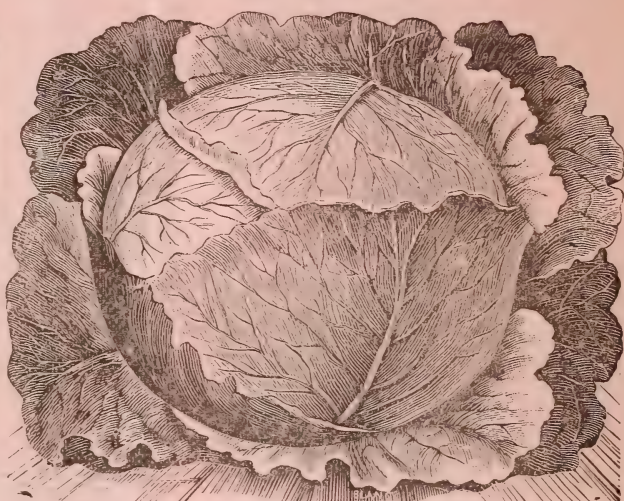
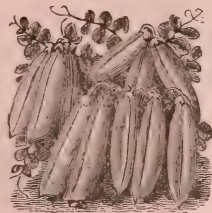
This valuable introduction, is far superior to any variety now in cultivation. In quality and flavor unsurpassed: early, handsome, unusually crisp, tender and juicy: and remains good a long time without running up to seed. Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 c.

**CHUFAS**, or Earth Almonds. These very closely resemble in sweetness and richness of flavor, a coconut. They are much grown in the South to fatten swine, poultry, etc. They succeed perfectly at the North: my plants yielding from three to six hundred fine chufas each. They are a rich and healthy food for poultry of all kinds. Directions for planting etc., on each packet. Pkt. 5 cts.



**CARROT.** New Oxheart. This carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape as shown in the illustration; it is very thick, attaining from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality, and will prove of great value both in family and market gardens. Pkt. 5 c.

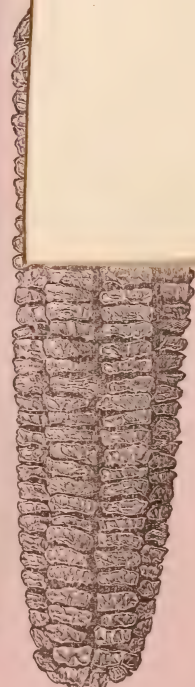
**PEAS**.—Eliss' American Wonder. (true seed). Best in quality. Immensely productive. I have counted 28 large pods on one vine. Height 10 to 12 inches. Earliest and sweetest wrinkled pea in cultivation; and has met with the unqualified approval of all who have grown it. Pkt. 5 cts. Pint 35 cts. quart 45 cents.



PREMIUM FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE.

This variety is more largely grown than any other for late or main crop. Heads large, round, solid, broad and flat on top; of very fine quality. The seed has been long and carefully selected, and I think I am very modest in my claim that I believe it is unexcelled by stocks offered by any other.

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EARLY GREEN CLUSTER CUCUMBER.

One of the best early varieties, growing in clusters of good size, extremely productive, and remains in bearing condition longer than any other early sort. Pkt. 5 cts. 1/2 lb. 30 cts.





**VEGETABLE PEACH.** This unique Novelty, first introduced by me last season, is one of the most beautiful vegetables ever grown in this, or any other country. They grow on vines same as melons, are a beautiful golden yellow, almost exactly resembling oranges in color, shape, and size. The flesh is snow-white, and makes most excellent, and handsome preserves. Fried as Egg Plant, when green they are delicious, and for "Mangoes," they are so perfectly adapted I know of nothing better. They will keep in good condition two months after being picked from the vines. Very productive, early, and hardy,—have ripened their fruit in Canada—planted in June. I hope no one will fail to try this novelty. I have never grown anything in my gardens that called forth so much interest and admiration. Directions for growing,—use of fruit, etc. on each packet. Packet, 15 cts. two for 25 cts. five for 50 cts.



**EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.**

This is preeminently the best extra early cabbage in the world; heads of medium size, hard and solid; can be planted close, and is very desirable for early market.

☞ All of my Cabbage seed is the popular "P. S." brand, and will be found very choice,—being raised from the best hard heads, carefully selected.—Every packet is printed with the following trade mark.



Gardeners! plant them this year and you will agree with the verdict that "they are the best in the world" All varieties of cabbage seed are 5 cts. per pkt. 20 c. per ounce. 4 cts. 50 c. per pound \$1.75, postpaid.

J. T. LUBBERLY, Surincoy, Ga. writes:—I have tried your seeds, and am well pleased with them. They ALL grow, and I get more seeds for the money than from other dealers.



**NEW DWARF CHAMPION TOMATO.**

Introduced by W. C. Beckert, originator of the Charters radish,—who describes it as follows: "In this new variety we have a tomato that is entirely distinct; it is dwarf and compact in habit, and can be planted as close as three feet. In a comparative test with leading varieties it has proven itself remarkably early; ripening its fruit as early as July 1st. It is an immense cropper, and will yield double the quantity of extra early fruit per acre, than can be obtained from any other tomato. Price 10 c. per pkt. 3 for 25 c.



I offer this season, "THE PRINCESS" a new Muskmelon of extraordinary value, which after a thorough trial for the past two seasons, has proven the best and richest in flavor of over forty varieties. My engraving, made from nature, shows their shape, which is nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin; the flesh is of a rich salmon color, thicker than in any other melon, and in flavor is SWEET AND LUSCIOUS BEYOND DESCRIPTION. They ripen early, and grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive, often producing six to eight perfect melons on a single vine.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.; oz., 30 cts.

C. M. GOODSPEED, (Proprietor of American Club List, and dealer in Italian Queens and Bees.) Thorn Hill, N. Y. Oct., 1887, writes:—Your seeds have proved so far ahead of anything we have had, I should like to place them before my patrons in some shape. \* \* \* My wife insists on using your seeds in the future. You are at liberty to use my name.





VERBENA.



SUPERB PANSY.



AGROSTEMMA.



SENSITIVE PLANT.



MORNING GLORY.

## FLOWERS.

"Plant in your garden some flowers to cheer you,  
To gladden your view thro' the long summer days;  
They will cheer you when sadness comes stealing upon you,  
And lighten your cares as in childhood at play."

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## CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS

is one of my specialties, and my trade in them,—always large,—is rapidly increasing. My customers can rely upon getting those of the very best quality and finest strains. I warrant my FLOWER SEEDS as fully as I do my Vegetable Seeds, and I guarantee all to be fresh, true to name, and of good vitality. See General List for prices.

### MIXED FLOWER SEEDS.

The introduction of these has proved a most marked success; they are a mixture of over 200 varieties of hardy Flower Seeds, and if carefully sown and cared for, will produce an astonishing variety of flowers. No one who has not seen such a bed can form an idea of its possibilities, the different seasons of bloom insuring something new almost every day. They may be sown broadcast, or in drills a foot apart. Per packet, 15 cents. 2 for 25 c. 5 for 50 cts.



EVERLASTING FLOWERS.



ASTER.



DOUBLE BALSAMS.

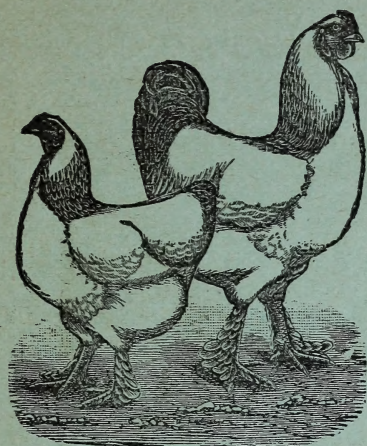


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CANDYTUFT.





LIGHT BRAHMAS.

### LIGHT BRAHMAS.

After a thorough trial of a large number of breeds, I am fully satisfied that the Light Brahma is the most desirable and profitable fowl I ever possessed, and I shall now breed them exclusively. There is none larger, or that will make a finer show, than a flock of these splendid birds. They will bear confinement well, and are well adapted for small yards, and people living in villages with little room, as well as for the general farmer. A fence three feet high will keep them enclosed. They are very tame and gentle, good sitters and mothers, and my strain is not difficult at all to "break up." They are the best winter layers, (when eggs command the highest prices,) of large rich-flavored eggs, and are a fine market fowl, dressing from 6 to 7 lbs. at six months old.

Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 13.

The **HOUDANS**, I consider decidedly the test of the non-sitting breeds.—I have disposed of my entire stock to a friend, but I can supply eggs when wanted from his yard at the same price as Brahmas.

### IMPERIAL PEKIN DUCKS,

are the largest of the ducks. As layers they are not equalled by any other variety. They have orange



IMPERIAL PEKIN DUCKS.

legs, yellow bills, and creamy white feathers, which are as valuable as geese feathers. They cannot fly or climb fences any more than a mud-turtle. Their eggs hatch well, ducklings are thrifty and hardy, mature rapidly, require no more water to swim in than chickens, and are ready to market before other fowls are half grown. Eggs \$1.25 per sitting of 10.

All eggs fresh and true to name. I pack carefully, lightly and securely. I will send 2 sittings for \$2.25, 3 sittings \$3.25, 4 sittings for \$4.00, 6 sittings for \$5.50, 10 sittings for \$9.00. Get up clubs and save express charges. Please send orders early.

**JOHN GRANDY**, Bathgate Dakota, writes:—It affords me great pleasure to report so favorably of the eggs sent me last Spring. The result was 39 birds out of 48 eggs received. They done well and both chicks and ducks, carried away **FIRST PRIZES** at our fair this fall. I was more than pleased with your seeds; notwithstanding the extreme dry season, all grew, and each variety was true to name. The potato eyes all grew, and with no extra care and a most unfavorable season, I got from a bushel, to a bushel and a half of each variety, (from 50 eyes planted), and nearly all good large tubers.

## REDUCED PRICES FOR PRINTING.

Having a very complete printing office, well equipped with new type, I am prepared to do printing for any of my friends at low rates. I would advise all to have at least their Note Heads and Envelopes printed;—it saves time, avoids mistakes, and besides presents a very much neater appearance. See the following prices at which I furnish **FIRST CLASS** paper stock, printed to order.

	100	250	500	1 000
ENVELOPES, XX Fine Manilla, No. 5.....	\$0.24	\$0.56	\$0.90	\$1.62
ENVELOPES, XX White, or Colored, No. 5.....	40	.72	1.17	1.98
ENVELOPES, XX Manilla, No. 6.....	36	.68	1.11	1.92
ENVELOPES, XX White, or Colored, No. 6.....	44	.80	1.29	2.19
NOTE HEADS, 6 lb.....(Linen same price.).....	40	.72	1.17	1.98
LETTER HEADS, 12 lb.....(Linen same price.).....	56	.96	1.53	2.82
STATEMENTS, Infant.....	36	.68	.90	1.23
STATEMENTS, 6 lb.....	40	.72	1.17	1.98
BILL HEADS, Regular 4's, or 6's.....	40	.72	1.17	1.98
BUSINESS, and CHROMO CARDS.....	36	.68	1.11	1.83
LABELS.....	32	.60	.76	.99
SHIPPING TAGS, No. 4.....	36	.68	1.11	1.83

OTHER PRINTING, AT PROPORTIONATE RATES.

**IF DESIRED BY MAIL**, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  to above prices for postage on 100 and 250 lots;—on 500 and 1,000 lots add  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Terms, cash with the order.

**SATISFACTION GUARANTEED, CORRESPONDENCE INVITED, ESTIMATES FURNISHED.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT**, good work, good stock, accuracy, promptness, low prices, and satisfaction, are the inducements that I offer for your patronage. **CIRCULAR, AND PRICE LIST** work a specialty. Printed matter "blocked" for 4 cts. each. Note and Letter Heads printed in copying ink if desired.

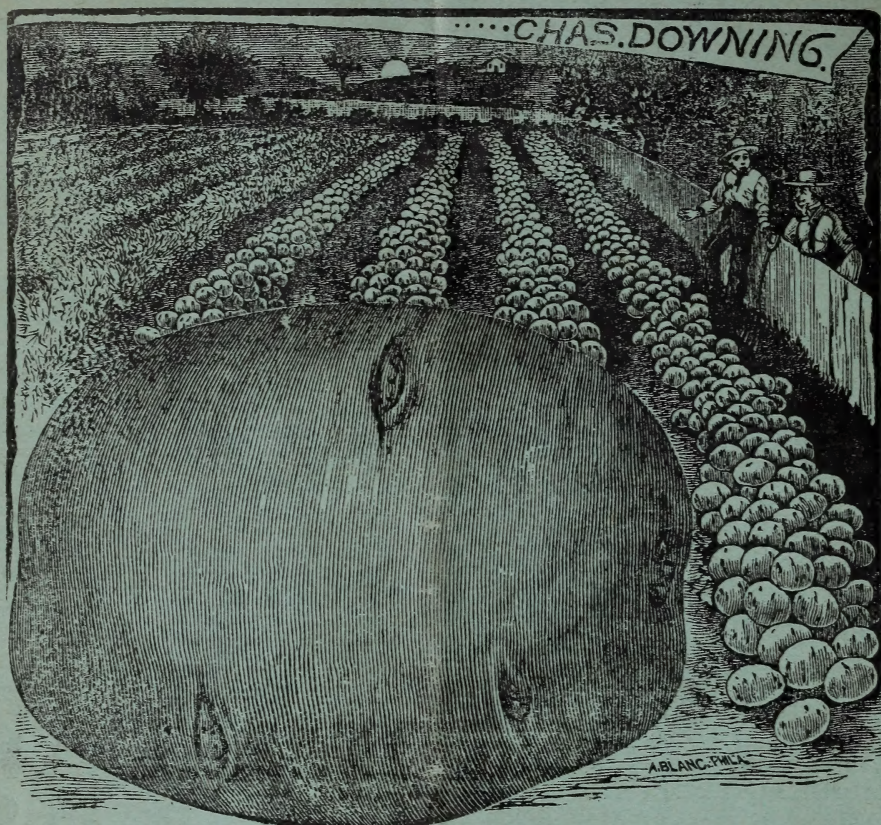
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**CLINTON HOLLOW, DUTCHESS CO., N. Y.**



# CHARLES DOWNING POTATO.



THE CHARLES DOWNING, is undoubtedly the coming early potato for this country: both the New York, and Ohio Experiment Stations prove them to be decidedly the earliest, handsomest, most productive, and finest table quality, of any variety yet tested by them. Reports from all growers who have planted it, are unanimous in its praise. In season, EXTRA EARLY; the N. Y. Station showing them to have matured in less number of days, than any other of the hundreds of sorts planted; and but one other marked "10" (the highest grade in table quality): its average yield is given at 375.1 bushels per acre; the popular Early Sunrise in same test is given at 197.5 bushels, and the Belle, 125.7 bushels. These figures are taken from the published report, and must be accepted as an entirely disinterested opinion founded on practical experience, and by comparison with all the standard sorts.

It is free from "blight" and rot; the color is pure white; the form is accurately shown in the above illustration, which was sketched from the potato itself. Whether baked, or boiled, its cooking qualities are faultless; its purity of color; fine floury texture, and delicious flavor being excelled by no other variety.

After growing the Chas. Downing in various

soils I can fully confirm all said in its praise. I measured the yield from 100 closely planted hills, -taken just as they run, [one eye planted in the hill,] and the result-notwithstanding the poor season, was four bushels of as nice potatoes as I ever grew. I offer the Downing, with great faith in its destined popularity, and I hope every one of my customers will try it.

## Price of POTATO EYES by mail.

For \$1.00 I will send 100 strong eyes of Chas. Downing.

\$2.00	"	225	"	"	"	"
\$3.00	"	350	"	"	"	"
\$4.00	"	500	"	"	"	"
\$5.00	"	650	"	"	"	"
\$10.00	"	1500	"	"	"	"

I have received only the most favorable reports from all sections, from sending potato eyes. It is much the best and cheapest way to obtain new varieties. I leave a nice piece of potato with each eye, one eye being sufficient for a large hill. I send them carefully boxed, and postpaid—with full directions for planting and cultivation.

☞ All eyes warranted to reach you in good condition for growing. Orders booked as received, and sent soon as the weather will permit: orders from the South, sent any time requested. Friends, in conclusion I will say that ALL ORDERS will receive my personal attention, and be filled with the utmost promptness and care. Please Address,

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